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1. A conference of the Landesleitungen of the SED, FDGB and FDJ in Land Saxony-Anhalt was held on 5 July 1950. One of the points under discussion was an intensification of the recruiting campaign for the Volkspolizei. It was announced that, effective 1 August 1950, the personnel of the Volkspolizei was to be increased. Exact figures were not mentioned but it was stated that the quota of volunteers for the Volkspolizei to be raised in Saxony-Anhalt had been fixed at 12,000 to 15,000 men and this quota must be fulfilled under all circumstances. It was suggested that the young SED and FDJ members and all functionaries should volunteer for the Volkspolizei and in return be given preferential treatment in their application for the officer's course. The conference was attended by a VP officer who used government car [redacted] It was said that he was VP-Oberrat Heimann, (fnu), the commandant of the Bereitschaftspolizei in Halle (M 52/D 92).

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3. In early August 1950 it was learned that the Zentralverwaltung fuer Arbeit (Central Administration for Labor) in Berlin had issued an order to the Land labor offices pursuant to the registration of all members of the former German Air Force and Navy. All of these offices have been ordered to draw up personnel rosters with data on the former military rank, branch of service and present occupation of those concerned. Data on political affiliations and activities are to be included.

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4. The chairman of the shop committee of the regional railroad headquarters in Halle has been ordered to recruit volunteers for the Volkspolizei, by pressure if necessary. It is left to the discretion of the chairman which of the employees will be called. For example, six employees of the booking office at the Halle railroad station who were between 22 and 25 years old were given notice. When they protested at the personnel bureau against their dismissal they were told that their posts would now have to be filled by women employees. They were also told that they could enlist with the Volkspolizei immediately. \*

- \*   Comment: The extensive recruiting and registration campaign for the Volkspolizei, apparently initiated in early July 1950, was confirmed by numerous reports and press releases.   The campaign apparently comprises two measures: recruitment of possibly 40,000 to 50,000 men for speedy enlistment in the Volkspolizei in which connection it is said that most of the training courses in VP schools and Bereitschaften terminate in late August 1950 so that training facilities for new inductees will be available; and the establishment of personnel rosters by the local labor offices for a police reserve of 200,000 to 300,000 men, ex-servicemen of the German Armed Forces being given preference. The increase of the strength of the Volkspolizei expected for the beginning of September 1950 will possibly be connected with the organization of new police units.

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